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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	October 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member, Chair
James Ascione, Public Member
Francis Gant, Delaware Firefighters Association Member
Jay Mervine, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard MacDonald, State Lottery Office Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General

PUBLIC PRESENT

Bonnie Howell, Milford Elks
Bruce Howell, Milford Elks
Jim LoFland, Moose
John Mitchell, VFW
Debby Messina, Dover Elks
Bill Holena, Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder
Robert Shiles, AmVets Post 22
Tom Jones, AmVets Post 2
Dave Heffline, AmVets Post 2
John Viola, Elks

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Williams-Coger called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Conduct Deliberations from Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations

Mr. Maloney advised the Board that SB254 has passed and was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2016. He stated that this requires the Board to review the new law and start all over again with the regulation changes regarding bingo. Mr. Maloney asked the Board to review the new statute and the previously proposed regulations to see what is still viable. Mr. Maloney stated he will compile some suggestions as well.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2016

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Ascione, to approve the August 24, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Mr. Ascione moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to ratify the following bingo permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company of Newark Delaware
Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, Inc.
Delaware Veterans Inc. Post II
Dover Elks Lodge #1903
Edgemoor Community Center, Inc.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Milford Elks Lodge #2401
Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary
Nanticoke Memorial Hospital
Bowers Fire Company
Kent County 4-H
Ladies Auxiliary to the Delaware City Fire Company
Mamie A. Warren Senior Center

Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Mr. Ascione moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the charitable gaming permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

American Legion #17
AmVets Post 2
Sons of AmVets Post 2
American Legion Post #24
Laurel American Legion Post 19
Longneck AmVets Post 22

Review of Applications for Raffle

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Ascione, to approve the raffle events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Felton Community Fire Co., Inc.
Immaculate Heart of Mary
St. John's R.C. Church
Raven's Music Boosters, Inc.

Mr. Ascione moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the raffle permit for Ministry of Caring, Inc. contingent on receipt of the permission letter from Wilmington Country Club where the event will be held. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Applications for Charitable Gaming Events

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the charitable gaming events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Cape Henlopen Elks #2540
Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #4528

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Mervine received a call concerning the IRS determination letter required from organizations and how difficult it is to get updated letters from the IRS. He was asking if there could be more leniency with this knowing that Ms. Hurley can research the organization on the IRS website. Ms. Hurley stated that the Division would still to have an updated IRS letter on file, but understands the difficulty in obtaining an updated letters. Mr. Maloney stated he would research the statutes and rules and regulations to see if that requirement exists and then come up with a solution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Viola, State Representative and member of the Newark Elks, stated he was the sponsor of SB254 and has had numerous calls and conversations regarding this Bill and the regular bingo games that are being held at some firehouses. The concern being that SB254 along with House Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 1 have made their regular bingo games illegal. He did some research into the state codes and gaming regulations and could not find anything that would have made it illegal. Mr. Viola requested some guidance from the Board on this issue.

Bill Holena, from Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder of Newark, raised the concern with pull-tab games being combined with their bingo games and being added to the addendum as part of their total retail cash value. Instant games have never been considered as an addendum item. He stated if this were the case, their organization would lose a lot of money. The source of this information is 4.30.3 of the proposed regulation changes which indicates that the organization shall list all break open or game event bingo games on the addendum form and shall include the maximum payout of bingo event games.

Ms. Messina stated that the new legislation was just a name change only and has nothing to do with the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Holena stated that under the proposed regulation changes, his understanding is the Nevada pull-tabs were to be combined with the bingo maximum amount. He had discussed this with the inspectors and they had reached the same conclusion. There were no gaming inspectors at the meeting to verify their position on this matter.

Mr. Maloney advised that as far as the proposed regulations are concerned, the Board is back to the beginning so they can make sure the changes will be consistent with the new statutes. Mr. Maloney stated there will presumably be another proposed regulatory change, which includes a public hearing, where all comments are welcomed by the Board and taken into consideration. Proposed regulatory changes are published on the Register of Regulations website and can be viewed by the public.

Mr. Maloney remarked that some of the confusion people may be having with the proposed regulation changes and the new statute is the thought that they were accomplishing the same thing but in reality they were completely different items being changed.

Mr. Gant suggested to Mr. Holena that he send the Board something in writing to address his concerns for any future regulation changes.

Mr. Viola thanked the Board for hearing him out and remarked that it is now understood that the concerns he's been hearing from the firehouses were not due to the statute that was just passed but to proposed regulations.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room B, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Hurley
Administrative Specialist II